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MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the club rooms, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco, California, at ten o'clock, Saturday morning, May 4, 1929. Present: Directors Adair, Bernays, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Huber, Le Conte, McDuffie, Parsons, Tappaan, Wright. Absent: Directors Badè, Price, Rowell, Treat. Mr. Van Degrift and Mr. Mazza, chairmen of the Southern California and San Francisco Bay chapters, respectively, were unable to attend. President McDuffie called the meeting to order.

Secretary Colby read the report of the judges of election which announced that the following were elected on April 13, 1929, directors of the Sierra Club for the ensuing year: Herbert S. Adair, William Frederic Badè, Phil S. Bernays, William E. Colby, Ernest Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Walter L. Huber, J. N. Le Conte, Duncan McDuffie, Marion R. Parsons, Robert M. Price, Chester H. Rowell, Clair S. Tappaan, Payson J. Treat, William H. Wright.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Duncan McDuffie, president; Phil S. Bernays, vice-president; William E. Colby, secretary; J. N. Le Conte, treasurer. Walter L. Huber was elected the fifth member of the executive committee. Francis P. Farquhar was elected editor of the Sierra Club Bulletin, including the bi-monthly issues, for the coming year.

A motion was made and carried excusing the absent directors. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held on December 8, 1929, were approved. Treasurer Le Conte's report published in the February number of the Sierra Club Bulletin was approved.

A resolution was adopted expressing appreciation to the editorial board for the splendid appearance of the February, 1929, number of the Sierra Club Bulletin and the able way in which it was edited.

The request of C. L. Drew that the Club lend its endorsement to his proposed trip to Hawaii was acted on favorably, with the proviso that the Club assumes no responsibility.

The membership of the Club in the Associated Outdoor Clubs of America was continued for the year.

In view of his great and helpful interest in the preservation of park areas, both state and national, Hon. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, was unanimously elected an honorary vice-president of the Sierra Club.

A report was made of a meeting held at Visalia on April 30th in honor of Colonel George W. Stewart and of the proposal made at that time that a peak in the Sierra, visible from Visalia, be named Mount George Stewart in his honor. The following resolution was then unanimously adopted: Resolved that the Sierra Club heartily endorses the proposal to name a peak in the Sierra Mount George Stewart in honor of Colonel George W. Stewart, the "Father of Sequoia National Park."

Mr. Farquhar told of his recent visit to the rooms of the American Alpine Club in the Explorers Club Building in New York City, where the American Alpine Club is now assembling a fine library on mountaineering. He read a letter received by him from Dr. W. S. Ladd, president of the American Alpine Club and a life member of the Sierra Club, enclosing a gift of \$50.00 for the Sierra Club. It was resolved that a letter be sent Dr. Ladd expressing the thanks of the Club for his interest and his generous contribution.

After discussion as to the desirability of republishing Joseph LeConte's "Ramblings in the High Sierra," a motion was carried authorizing the executive committee to formulate a plan for the systematic publication or republication of a series of writings by Joseph Le Conte, John Muir, and others, with a view to placing the ideals of the Sierra Club in interesting form before its members and the public, publication of "Ramblings in the High Sierra" to be the first of the series.

It was voted that a letter be sent to the Advisory Council of the Federal Board of Survey and Maps stating that the Sierra Club is not in a position to contribute to the expenses of the Board but will be glad to co-operate in furnishing such information as it may have from time to time.

It was ordered that note be made in the next Sierra Club Bulletin relative to the campaign being conducted at the present time to choose a state bird.

The matter of appointing a representative of the Club to act with the High Sierra Recreation Association was ordered laid on the table.

The matter of endorsing a statement on national park standards sent to the Club by Caspar Hodgson was deferred pending further study of the statement.

A motion was carried that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter of issuing a Sierra Club booklet on camp information, equipment, etc., report to be made to the Board at the December meeting.

Mr. Bernays, chairman of the committee on mountain registers, reported that he had corresponded with various mountaineering clubs as to the type of receptacle used by them, and exhibited a container that had been highly recommended by the Colorado Mountain Club. He was authorized to obtain 25 containers of a type approved by his committee, marked "Sierra Club," to be placed on mountain peaks by members of the outing party this summer.

It was decided that the Lodge Committee obtain someone, preferably a member of the Club, to take charge of the Parsons Memorial Lodge in Tuolumne Meadows during the coming summer; it was also decided to ask the National Park Service to patrol and protect the Soda Springs property.

A memorandum by Augustus Locke, geologist, relative to the study of earth-science in the Sierra Nevada was read and the matter referred to the executive committee for conference with Mr. Locke.

Horace M. Albright, Director of National Parks, was invited to meet with the directors and to discuss with them any problems in which both he and the Club might be interested. Mr. Albright reported that through the appropriation for the purchase of private lands made by the last Congress and the gift of \$1,000,000 by a private donor, the situation with reference to the privately owned timberlands in Yosemite National Park was approaching a solution.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

WM. E. COLBY, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

The following committees were appointed by President McDuffie shortly after the recent meeting of the Board of Directors: Outing Committee—William E. Colby (chairman and manager), Clair S. Tappaan (assistant manager), J. N. Le Conte; Committee on Lodges—J. N. Le Conte (chairman), M. Hall McAllister, Robert W. Penman; Committee on Nomenclature—Francis P. Farquhar (chairman), Walter L. Huber, J. N. Le Conte; Committee on Trails—Walter L. Huber (chairman), J. N. Le Conte, Francis P. Farquhar. Editorial Board—Francis P. Farquhar (chairman), Ansel E. Adams, Norman Clyde, Francis M. Fultz, Walter L. Huber, Alberta P. Mann, Marion R. Parsons, Erwin E. Richter, George C. Thompson.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM DR. WILBUR

Mr. William E. Colby,
Secretary, Sierra Club.
Dear Mr. Colby:

Washington, May 11, 1929.

You were very gracious to notify me that I had been elected an honorary vice-president of the Sierra Club. I am very much pleased by this action and wish to thank you and the members of the Club. I feel that your organization has been of great assistance in developing an interest in the forests and parks.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

RAY LYMAN WILBUR.

SIERRA CLUB OUTING, 1929

The unusual interest taken in the proposed outing this summer, covering that portion of the John Muir Trail extending from Blaney Meadows north to Tuolumne Meadows, has resulted in the list being completely filled six weeks in advance of the date set for departure on this trip. There is now a long waiting list of those who wish to take advantage of any vacancies which may occur. Mail for members of the party should be addressed in care of Sierra Club, as follows: First week, Huntington Lake, Calif.; second and third weeks, Bishop, Calif.; fourth week, Yosemite National Park, Calif.

TAMALPAIS STATE PARK ABOUT TO BE ESTABLISHED

The state park on Mt. Tamalpais has almost become an actuality after three years' active work by Sierra Club and other club people. Within two months, it is hoped, the 526 acres will be paid for, and these joined to other public park lands and the virgin lands of the Marin Municipal Water District, will provide a great natural park recreational area of more than 12,000 acres. The water district is expected soon to add 5,100 acres by purchase, following a recent condemnation suit. The centrally located 526 acres provide the link between the Muir Woods National Monument, the state park in Steep Ravine and the water district lands.

The Tamalpais Conservation Club, sponsor of the Tamalpais park, reports finances at June 8th as follows: total amount payable, \$52,600; in bank, about \$22,000; due from state under appropriation, \$20,000; pledged, \$5,000. Therefore only \$5,600 remains to be raised, and of this B. F. Schlesinger and his associates have promised to raise the chief portion. About \$2,000 is needed from the club people and their friends. Assistance is desired in soliciting contributions, which should be deposited to the credit of the Tamalpais Park Fund in the Anglo-California Trust Company's bank at Sansome and Market Streets, San Francisco.

J. K. B.

YOSEMITE HIGH SIERRA CAMPS

Six High Sierra camps will be operated in Yosemite National Park this season by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. The Little Yosemite Camp opens on June 13th, Merced Lake on June 15th, Tuolumne Meadows on June 20th, Tenaya Lake on June 24th, Glen Aulin on June 23rd, and Boothe Lake on June 24th. By means of this series of camps it is a simple matter to spend a week or two in the High Sierra traveling on foot and carrying nothing but a few personal articles. Continuous trips may be taken, moving on every day or every few days; or long visits may be made at one or more of the camps, affording opportunities for fishing, climbing, or enjoying in other ways the attractions of the upper regions of the Merced and the Tuolumne. For those who prefer to ride, horseback parties will be made up weekly, starting from Yosemite Valley every Monday morning during the season and returning in six days. The company is making a special effort this season to interest people in the region surrounding the camps, so that a larger area of the park will become known to the public.

SHORT DAY OR OVERNIGHT HIKES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

During the coming summer study will be given to developing the saddle and pack train business in Sequoia National Park. By far the greater area of the park's 604 square miles will be reserved for trail travel. This includes the whole of the Kern Canyon within the park as well as the upper portion of the Kaweah Canyon, usually known as the Middle Fork.

Pending the establishment of pay Hikers' Camps similar to those maintained in Yosemite National Park, there are several day or overnight hikes that may be made from Giant Forest. Both Alta (11,211 feet) and Silliman (11,188 feet) are easily ascended in one day hikes from Giant Forest (6,500 feet). To make the Alta ascent it is best to drive on the old Lodgepole Camp road to just beyond the Wolverton Creek bridge. Take the Heather Lake trail to Panther Gap and thence by the Alta trail to Alta Meadow and Alta Peak.

Silliman is ascended by driving five miles to Lodgepole Camp where car is left. Then hike via Willow Meadows and follow marked trail up Silliman Creek to summit. Descent may be made by the highly scenic route via Silliman Ridge to Twin Lakes and by regular Kings River trail to Lodgepole Camp.

An overnight hiking trip on which little bedding need be carried is to the upper Kaweah Canyon via Redwood Meadows. Either Seven Mile Hill trail out of Giant Forest or Middle Fork trail from Hospital Rock may be taken. At Redwood Meadows there is a good camp site in the Big Tree grove at 6,000 feet. Warm south and west exposure, lots of pine needles and little bedding is necessary. From Redwood Meadows the day hike to the "Yosemite" of Hamilton Lake and River Valley may be made; or the ascent of the peaks of the Great Western Divide.

INTEREST IN STATE BIRD CONTEST KEEN

More than a year ago, a group of bird students in Los Angeles conceived the idea of choosing a bird to represent the state. Florida and Texas have chosen the mockingbird, Kansas, Nebraska and Oregon, the meadowlark, New York and Missouri, the bluebird, Wisconsin and Virginia, the robin, Kentucky, the cardinal. California has long been called the Grizzly Bear State and its official flower is the poppy, but no bird as yet is used as an emblem. Schools,

women's clubs, and many other organizations have taken an active interest in attempting to determine by popular vote what bird is most suitable as a state bird. The radio has helped stir interest in the contest. Behind this movement is the idea that a satisfactory choice cannot be made by anyone unless he knows the various birds, and people are learning how many distinct and interesting birds there are in the state. Out of some twenty candidates selected by bird students, the valley quail, bullock oriole, western bluebird, and Anna hummingbird have received the larger number of votes, the quail being far in the lead. The California condor, the largest land bird of flight in America, is well down the list, probably because this bird is a culture and sentiment does not approve of such a bird. Many thousands of votes have been turned in to the California Audubon Society and the Audubon Association of the Pacific. These will be properly counted and suitable legislation advocated as a direct result of the popular vote.

A NEW MOUNTAINEERING JOURNAL

The American Alpine Club has recently issued Volume I, Number 1, of *The American Alpine Journal*, an annual magazine devoted to mountaineering in America and to the activities of American mountaineers. The articles selected for this first number are all of more than ordinary interest and are supported by excellent illustrations and original maps. The *Sierra Club* is represented by an article by Norman Clyde on "Sierra Club Ascents in the Canadian Rockies" and by several illustrations from photographs by Walter L. Huber and Ansel E. Adams. Clyde's article contains a very good comparison of mountaineering in the Canadian Rockies with that in the Sierra Nevada and other American ranges. A historical and geological review of the Fairweather Range, in Alaska, by Dr. W. S. Ladd, sets a high standard for future articles on Alaskan mountains. Mr. Strumia's article on "Moods of the Mountains and Climbers" deserves wide reading and thoughtful study. Other articles deal with ascents in the Canadian Rockies. The format and typography are well adapted to the purpose, and in general appearance it ranks high among mountaineering journals. The editing shows unusual care and discrimination. Mr. Allen Carpe and his associates on the Committee on Publication are to be congratulated upon their success.

F. P. F.

BOOK NOTICE

We note with pleasure the appearance of a new volume by one of our life members, "Under Persian Skies, a Record of Travel by the Old Caravan Routes of Western Persia." Hermann Norden has long been a member of the *Sierra Club* and his world travels have resulted in a number of interesting volumes. This latest volume will be reviewed in the next magazine number of the *Bulletin*. MacRae Smith Co., Philadelphia, \$5.00.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912,

OF *SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN*, published bimonthly at San Francisco, California, for April 1, 1929.
State of CALIFORNIA,
City and County of San Francisco ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Wm. E. Colby, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the publisher of the *Sierra Club Bulletin* and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are: Publisher, Wm. E. Colby, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; Editor, Francis P. Farquhar, 114 Sansome Street, San Francisco; Managing Editor, None; Business Managers, None.

2. That the owner is: *Sierra Club* (a corporation) 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; President, Duncan McDuffie, 22 Roble Road, Berkeley, California; Secretary, Wm. E. Colby, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; Treasurer, J. N. Le Conte, 19 Hillside Court, Berkeley.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.

Wm. E. COLBY, Publisher.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of April, 1929.

(SEAL)

MARIE FORMAN, Notary Public in and for
the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.
(My commission expires Jan. 9, 1933.)



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